

Appln. No. 10/529,991
Amendment dated October 17, 2006
Response to Office Action dated June 19, 2006

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1-10. These sheets, which include FIGS. 1-10, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2006. Claims 1-13 are currently pending, of which claims 1-6 and 8-11 are allowed, claim 7 is objected to, and claims 12-13 stand rejected in the application. Of these, claims 1 and 12 are independent. By this Amendment, claim 12 is amended. Accordingly, claims 1-13 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment has been made without prejudice and solely in order to better clarify the invention and not to limit or narrow the scope of these claims in any way. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the amendments and comments set forth herein, and respectfully maintain that this application is in condition for allowance.

Allowance of Claims

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-11. Applicants have amended the drawings to illustrate the “ventilation openings” as recited in claim 7, which depends from allowed claim 1, which had been objected to in the Office Action, and accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 is in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for the following informalities: “there are no reference numbers in the drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention.” By this Amendment, the figures have been amended to include reference numerals. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Examiner also objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that “the adapter ring further comprising one or more ventilating apertures” as recited in claim 7 is not shown. By this Amendment, FIGS. 6-8 have been amended to illustrate the “ventilation apertures,” and a respective reference number has been added. As the discussion of ventilation apertures was present in the application as filed, no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawing as well as to claim 7.

Objection to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification for the following informalities: “there are no reference numbers in the description of the specification to facilitate understanding of the invention.” By this Amendment, the specification as originally filed has been amended to include reference numerals. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,021,103 to Gaspari (Gaspari). Applicants respectfully submit that Gaspari fails to teach or suggest “a high-wrap frame having a high-wrap mounting means” as recited in claims 12-13. Rather, Gaspari is directed to a frame having a “relatively large radius of curvature, and in the extreme may be planar.” The larger the radius of curvature, the less the curvature and degree of wrap. Thus, the frame of Gaspari does not teach, but rather teaches away from, the “high-wrap” frame and mounting means as claimed by independent claim 12.

Gaspari also fails to teach or suggest a prescription lens “having a lower degree of wrap than the frame” as recited in claim 12 as amended herein. Rather, the frame and the prescription lens as shown in Gaspari appear to have substantially similar curvature and degree of wrap. Because Gaspari is not directed to high wrap frames having higher curvature than the prescription lens to be mounted thereon and does not mention or suggest a difference in curvature between the frame and the prescription lens, there is no motivation to modify Gaspari to provide a prescription lens “having a lower degree of wrap than the frame” in order to obtain the invention as claimed in claims 12-13.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Gaspari fails to anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed in independent claims 12 and claim 13 depending therefrom. In the interest of brevity, the rejection of claim 13 will not be addressed in detail herein.

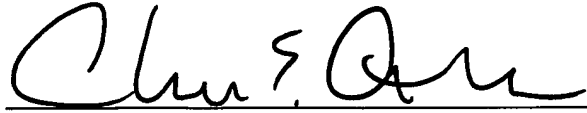
No fee, other than the fee for an extension of time which is annexed, is believed to be due with the filing of this Amendment. Nevertheless, should the Commissioner deem any such fee(s) to be now or hereafter due in connection with this application, authority is given to charge all such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding rejections have been addressed and are now either overcome or moot. Applicants further submit that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art. Accordingly, favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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